

## **Agenda Item 9. Local Industrial Strategy**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform the Board that a presentation and discussion will be undertaken as item 9 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March's agenda.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note the presentation and to offer their mandate for the continuation of the work. As this is an iterative process and high profile in terms of Government's expectation of the LEP, updates will be provided to each Strategic Board meeting until the LIS is finalised.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The UK Industrial Strategy was launched by Government in November 2017. It remains the principal policy vehicle for Government's involvement in the economic growth agenda. In general terms, LEPs are encouraged to act on Government's behalf on delivering against the Industrial Strategy in the regions. More specifically, LEPs are tasked with producing Local Industrial Strategies by March 2020.
- 3.2 The SELEP Managing Director will use the opportunity of the Strategic Board meeting to talk about SELEP's proposed approach to producing a Local Industrial Strategy for the area and gather Board members' view as to how to ensure that the project is successful and that we are positioned to produce a document which resonates across the LEP.

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